

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S NOTICE OF INTENT APPLICATION FOR THE REVOLUTION WIND 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT IN EAST GREENWICH, NORTH KINGSTOWN, AND WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2022-05

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98-7 and 42-98-9.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and sections 1.6(G) and 1.8(D) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct a **public comment hearing at 6 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023 in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building** (89 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick RI 02888). At this hearing, the Board will accept in-person public comment as well as remote public comment. To offer remote public comment, use the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84257603728>.

. After opening this link, you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. Alternatively, remote public comment can be offered by telephone. If you choose to call in, dial 1-309-205-3325 and enter meeting number 842 5760 3728 followed by the # symbol.

At the hearings, the Board will hear public comment on the Narragansett Electric Company's Notice of Intent Application for the proposed Revolution Wind Transmission Line Upgrade Project. The Project consists of modifications to the existing G185N, K189, G185S, and L190 115 kV transmission lines. Specifically, the Company is proposing to rebuild stretches of the G185N and K189 lines between the Drumrock and Kent County substations, rebuild stretches of the G185S and L190 lines between the Kent County substation and the Davisville Tap, and rebuild stretches of the G185S and L190 lines between the Davisville Tap and Davisville substation. All of the proposed work will be located within the existing rights-of-way for each of the lines. The Notice of Intent Application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building and is also available online at: <https://ripuc.ri.gov/Docket-SB-2022-05>.

The Company states that the purpose of the Project is to upgrade existing transmission assets to improve system capacity in order to handle the load produced by the 703 MW Revolution Wind offshore wind project. The Company argues that any impact the proposed project may have on the natural and/or social environment will be negligible. Therefore, the Company requests the Board determine that the project does not constitute an alteration to a major energy facility and that it is not subject to the full EFSB permitting process.

The Board conducted a public comment hearing at the East Greenwich High School on February 7, 2023. It is the Board's understanding that in response to questions raised by members of the public at that hearing, the Company organized two community information sessions on February 28, 2023 and March 1, 2023. The Board is convening an additional public comment hearing on March 13, 2023 to hear any remaining comments from members of the public before ruling on the Company's Notice of Intent Application. The Board will continue to accept written public comment until it's final decision, which can be submitted to the Board Coordinator at emma.rodvien@puc.ri.gov.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at least 72 hours in advance of the public comment hearing. The Coordinator can be notified at emma.rodvien@puc.ri.gov.

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Coordinator, Energy Facility Siting Board
March 2, 2023